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An Information Periodical For DISC Employees

BDAS by BDAS Staff

In the U.S., there are probably as many ways of celebrating Independence Day as there are unique individuals. This month we'd like to share some of our favorite traditions and memories of this special holiday.

Larry Workman:

Grab the ice cooler and lawn chairs and set up for the big fireworks show at the lake. Then when it gets dark, light the sparklers and wave them around to put on a show for the family.

Deb Harrop:

My best memories of the Fourth are when I was a kid. We lived in Pennsylvania when I was growing up, and we'd come to Kansas each year over the fourth. We would have a huge picnic and Uncle Rodney would film all of us kids. Back then it was an 8mm camera! Boy, were we hams! We would play all day with all of our cousins and have a great time. Those were the best hot dogs in the world...and the homemade ice cream wasn't bad either!! I remember too it was always very hot and the locusts would be providing the music.

Patty Copeland:

For the past several years I have gone to Lake Wabaunsee for the 4th of July. My friend Tammy, who

is also now my cousin since I married Bob, has a cabin there. She invites friends and family for a big cookout. Her husband, Greg, has a huge smoker and there is some of the best food ever: ribs, brisket, chicken, turkey. Are you hungry yet?? There is a boat parade every year and then fireworks after dark on the dam. If a boat is available we go out onto the lake to watch, otherwise we sit on the dock.

Kathy Cummings:

Over the years my family has done several things that we have enjoyed. When my daughter was about two we attended American Legion picnics which had a night show at dark. For a few years we were at friends who lived near the Legion and we were able to enjoy the show from their yard. To date I'd have to say that we've really enjoyed our neighbor's July 3rd parties. Everyone brings night works and just about dark everyone heads down to the field and finds a place to sit back and enjoy the show. Our neighbor, Tom, does a great job with the help of a bull horn of announcing the name of the next display, the price, and who brought it. All those in attendance are very appreciative with their oohs and aahs. It seems that the Fourth of July is a lot more fun when there are kids around (big and small ones), and of course where would the

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fun be if you didn't have people yelling at you to keep away from the duds?!

Sarah Gigous:

My family has celebrated the 4th of July at the Collins Park parade for over 14 years. It started out with our girls decorating their bikes or walking our Dalmatian in the parade. Slowly, family members started joining us. Over the years it grew and there were 40 to 50 people showing up for the parade and then lunch at our house. We moved away last year and everyone wasn't sure what would happen. But a few months after we moved out of the neighborhood, my daughter and son-in-law purchased a house in that area and we have continued the celebration with a new generation.

Jenney O'Brien:

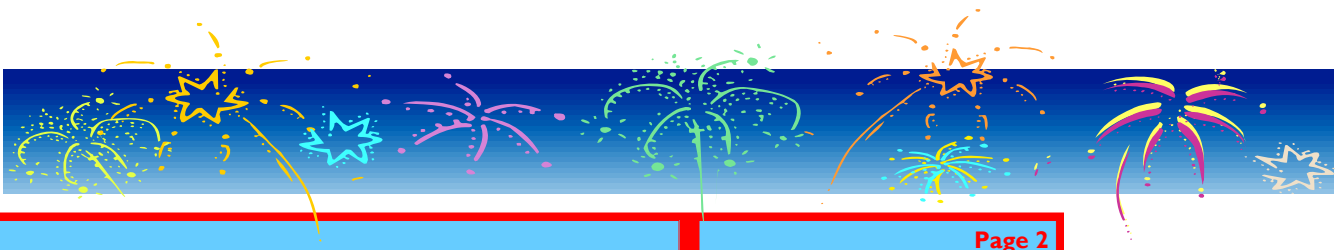
Every year my family would spend the whole day at my Grandma & Grandpa Hahn's house. At that time they lived in Fremont, NE and their house was one of six houses on an island on Ventura Lake. Everyone on the island would get together and have a huge cookout and fireworks show. It was always a contest of which side of the island had the best fireworks. Usually in the evening the only road onto the island was locked to keep traffic out. Us kids could freely go anywhere on the island and no one worried because everyone knew everyone. My mom and grandma would lay out large beach blankets on the sand so that we could sit by the lake and watch the fireworks reflect off the water. To us kids, this was the greatest thing ever. We got to shoot fireworks and swim all day, roast marshmallows until we were sick, and stay up as late as we wanted.

Cathy Jones:

Roughly 15 years ago our next door neighbors invited our family to spend the evening of July 4th with them. We had dinner together and our children shot off fireworks on the cul-de-sac while the adults supervised. We had so much fun that we decided to spend the evening of July 4th together in subsequent years. We have continued this tradition even though we have moved and are no longer next door neighbors. A couple of weeks before the 4th we decide which family is fixing dinner and whether we will go to the Go Fourth or have our own fireworks display. If we're not going to the public display, the men go shopping together for fireworks a few days before the holiday. We sit outside after dinner and once it gets dark we enjoy fireworks set off by the "adults" and sometimes by visiting adult children and their spouses who join us again for the evening. Thanks to this tradition the holiday has become a time to enjoy visiting our previous neighbors.

Julie Niehues:

Our 4th of July tradition begins on the 3rd of July. We usually get together with my siblings, their families, and my parents. For dinner my Dad cooks his famous ribs, which I eat too much of. Around dark, if we can hold the kids off that long, we shoot off fireworks. On the 4th we get together to relax and swim.



Summer Weather Safety by Doug Quinn

Weather Alert Meanings

Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch: means that conditions are such that a severe thunderstorm or tornado may develop. During the "watch" period is the ideal time to take shelter. Keep your radio or television tuned to a local station for information or advice from government officials.

Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning: means a thunderstorm or tornado has been sighted. You should already be sheltered or take shelter immediately when a Tornado Warning is issued. Tune your radio to a local station for information or advice from government officials.

Tornado Safety

Tornados are the most violent atmospheric phenomenon on the planet. Winds of 200-300 mph can occur with the most violent tornados. Things to remember when a tornado is eminent :

- IF YOU ARE AT HOME, go to a corner of your basement, under the stairs, or take cover under a sturdy workbench or table.
- IF YOUR HOME HAS NO BASEMENT, take cover in the center part of the house, on the lowest floor, in a small room such as a closet or bathroom, or under sturdy furniture. Stay away from windows to avoid flying debris.
- IF YOU LIVE IN A MANUFACTURED HOME, and underground shelter is not available within a few hundred feet, you should make arrangements to temporarily relocate to a pre-selected area of greater safety during a thunderstorm "warning" or tornado "watch." Friends or relatives with home basements should be considered. Don't wait until a tornado "warning" is in effect to relocate. Traffic problems and the storm itself may delay your relocation, thus exposing you to serious danger. *Caution:* Tied down manufactured homes do not provide adequate shelter protection during high winds.
- IF YOU ARE AT WORK in a building, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor, or to the designated shelter area. Stay way from windows.
- IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE in open country or in a car, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch, culvert, excavation or ravine.



Eric Smith left for a two week vacation in Hawaii as a single person and returned part of a happily married couple. His new bride, Vicki, is Michele DeMoss' (BOCS) sister. His coworkers put on a surprise reception for Eric and Vicki, these are the pictures of the gathering.





EMPLOYEE INFO

Happy August Birthdays to:



David Bloyd

John Perkins

Kevin Greenfield

Mary Winans

Kevin Tralle

Bryce Warner

Pat Orr

Gordon Lansford

Emily Marsh

Don Blocker

Rod Blunt

Clara Child

Larry Workman

New Employee

Amrutha
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Welcome to DISC
Amrutha

Weddings

Eric Smith and Vicki



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Meeting Our Customer's Needs

KUDOS

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To: Joe Hennes, Marsha Rogers

Thank you, Joe. On behalf of the INK Board and KIC, I want to thank you for all of your hard work and diligence in providing this service to us. You, Marsha and the DISC staff have been great! I cannot thank you enough for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with us and make changes on the fly to accommodate our requests. I genuinely hope that we get to work together again in the near future. Please let me know if we can ever be of assistance to you. As we talked before, let's keep each other up-to-date on whatever we learn about security and best practices.

From: Tracy Smith, General Manager, accessKansas

BOT

To: Craig Srna

I know you put in some extra hours to get this done for the Governor's Office. Good job and Thanks...AND you have done a GREAT job in getting KIRMS implemented...thanks Again.

From: Morey Sullivan, BAS

BOT/BAS

To: KIRMS Team

Thanks to the ones who have planned every detail, and who have worked to make it user-friendly, KIRMS is bringing us to a welcome level of simplicity. Thank you again.

From: Dorothy Egge, Long-Term Care Ombudsman

BAS/BOT

To: KIRMS Team

Thanks to Doug Quinn and everyone who worked so hard on the KIRMS project.

From: Morey Sullivan, BAS

